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(b) whether it is a fact that the sanctioned funds have fallen short of the estimates for 1927–28 and 1928–29 by Rs. 97,607;

(c) what the estimated cost of the programme is for 1929–30;

(d) what the contribution of the Government for 1929–30 will be; and

(e) how the Government intend the deficits to be made up?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answers to questions Nos. 186 and 824 (f).

(b) Yes.

(c) The estimated cost according to the programme of the local boards in the Kurnool district for 1929–30 is Rs. 61,685.

(d) The contribution of the Government to this district board will depend upon the total amount of grant to be provided for this purpose in the Civil Budget Estimates for 1929–30, the claims of other local boards and on the contribution which the local boards in the Kurnool district will be able to provide for the purpose.

(e) The local boards concerned should make up the deficits from their own funds.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know, Sir, whether the hon. Minister will consider the claims of separate taluk boards in the area and consider also the financial status of every taluk board when he makes the grants?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar:—"It is examined."

Industries

Action taken on the recommendations of the special officer on cottage industries.

*1339 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to give particulars of the action taken so far on the recommendations of the special officer relating to cottage industries peculiar to any particular districts?

A.—A summary [a] of the action taken so far on the recommendations referred to is given in the appendix.

Mr. L. K. Tulasiram:—"May I know who are the officers that are now appointed to take action on the recommendations of this special officer?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"The Government, Sir."

Survey of cottage industries in the Presidency.

*1340 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the districts in which the survey of cottage industries has been completed;

(b) the districts in which such survey is yet to be carried on; and

(c) whether any action has been taken with reference to the recommendations made so far for the improvement and encouragement of such industries?

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) All the districts in the Presidency excepting a portion of Madras and the Agency tracts have been surveyed.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" With regard to (*c*), may I know the steps that have been taken with regard to this matter ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Attention is invited to the answer given to the previous question."

Training of apprentices in the Kerala Soap Institute.

* 1341 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased—

(*a*) to place on the table of the House full particulars relating to the training of apprentices in the Kerala Soap Institute ; and

(*b*) to state whether the Government have instituted or propose to institute scholarships for deserving students ?

A.—(*a*) The [a] G.O. No. 140, Development, dated 29th January 1927, sanctioning the institution of a system of training apprentices in the Kerala Soap Institute which has been placed on Editors' Table is now placed on the table of the House. This scheme contemplates a course of instruction extending over 12 months. A fee of Rs. 100 per annum is charged for the students coming from the Madras Presidency, while in respect of others the fee charged is Rs. 150 each per annum. In July 1927, the Government approved a subsequent proposal of the Director for the institution of a short course of study, in addition, extending to not more than three months for the training of owners of soap factories and others who possess some practical knowledge of the manufacture of soap in the Presidency and elsewhere. Nine students will be trained in this course every year in batches of 3 at a time. A fee of Rs. 75 for each Madras student and Rs. 125 for others has been fixed for this course.

(*b*) No.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know whether sufficient number of apprentices are coming to the Kerala Soap Institute every year ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Yes, Sir."

Position of Government in regard to the Carnatic Paper Mills.

* 1342 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state the present position of the Government in regard to the Carnatic Paper Mills ?

A.—The position of Government in regard to the Carnatic Paper Mills is that explained in the Press Communiqué issued by Government on 3rd December 1928.

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